



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PROPOSITION 84 AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 – 10 a.m.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The California Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley (Regional Water Board) Staff will hold a workshop to provide information on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Notice and funding available to Central Valley growers and farmers under the Proposition 84 Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program (AWQGP). The RFQ and the instructions on how to submit an application can be downloaded from the Regional Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/index.shtml

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is administering a nonpoint source grant program to improve agricultural water quality. The Regional Water Board received \$8 million of the Proposition 84 bond funds to aid Central Valley farmers in the implementation of management practices necessary to reduce the discharge of pollutants from agricultural operations into surface waters.

The RFQ applicant must be a public agency or non-profit organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The grantee will provide project management, administrative support and oversight for projects to implement the management practices identified in Regional Water Board-approved Management Plans.

Total available grant funds is \$8,027,158. The grant distribution is as follows:

- No more than 10% of total grant will be used by grantee for direct project costs associated with the administration and project management of grant.
- At least 83% of total grant will be spent on individual projects to growers and/or water districts (Recipients) that will implement management practices that result in improvement of surface water quality.
- No more than 7% of the total grant may be budgeted for technical and consulting services through subcontracts to provide assistance to growers and farmers in designing and implementing management practices.

This workshop will provide participants an opportunity to ask questions regarding the RFQ Notice and the application process. For further information, please contact Margaret Wong (916-464-4857 or mawong@waterboards.ca.gov) or Margie Read (916-464-4624 or mread@waterboards.ca.gov) of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.